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FOR:

GENE-THERAPEUTIC NUCLEIC ACID CONSTRUCT, PRODUCTION OF SAME AND USE OF SAME IN THE TREATMENT OF HEART DISEASE

## SUPPLEMENTAL AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner of Patents Washington, DC 20231

May 18, 2000

Sir:

Pursuant to the telephone interview with the Examiner held April 5, 2000, and supplemental to Applicants' Amendment filed February 14, 2000, the following amendments and remarks are respectfully submitted in connection with the above-identified application.

## In the Claims:

## Please amend the claims as follows:

A [pharmaceutical] composition comprising Claim 43. (Amended) a nucleic acid construct according to claim 20 and a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier.

The [pharmaceutical] composition of claim Claim 44. (Amended) 42, that expresses said nucleic acid to be expressed specifically in